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Suggested Conventions for LISP Time-Sharing System

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Below is a list of suggested Conventions and De-bugging aids for LISP time-sharing. Any and all suggestions are encouraged and should be submitted in writing to R. A. Robnett in a hurry.

Suggested Conventions for LISP Time-Sharing System

Each Pair given to evalquote will be evaluated as soon as the parenthesis counts out; if the function has no meaningful value something like GO will be typed.

It is possible to name a list or sub-list and then refer to this name to access a list. All function names, constant variable names, and array names are automatically and permanently associated with their respective lists. All names must be unique.

name [a,b,l]

This function looks for the list *l*, which is a sub-list of *a*, and gives it the name *b*.

uname [a]

uname disassociates *a* from its list.

change [a,l]

a will be changed to *l*.

precede [a,l]

the list *l* will precede *a*.

follow [a,l]

The list *l* will follow *a*.

delete [a]

a will be deleted.

tchange, tprecede, tfollow, tdelete are the same as above, but are temporary and may be restored one at a time by restore [a].

printt [a]

will type the list *a* in indented notation.

tracet [a,l]

a is a function name

l is a list of variables in the function.

tracet works like a combination of the present trace and traceset but only printing the variables in l. If l is ALL, all variables are traced.

untracet [a]

stops all tracing of a.

brkpoint [a]

will return to the console--the value is the value of a.

returnb

will return to immediately following the last brkpoint.

clearb

will clear the last return point.

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